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1. CHINA

CSM REPORTS PRES FORD TENTATIVELY WILL BEGIN PRC VISIT DEC 1, ACCORDING SOURCES CLOSE TO HAK PARTY IN PEKING. KYODO 10/22 PEKING DISPATCH SAID AGREEMENT REACHED THAT FORD VISIT BEGIN NOV 27 OR 28 (AP, SUN).

MOST OBSERVERS STRESS THAT HAK'S PRC MISSION ENDED ON COOL NOTE, WITH MAJOR DIFFERENCES UNRESOLVED. AP (PEKING) CONTENDS WHILE HAK VOICED SATISFACTION WITH TALKS, VISIT ENDED ON MUTED NOTE. IN TOAST AT DINNER FOR HOSTS, HAK SET RATHER CHILLY TONE BY SAYING SELF-INTEREST, NOT FRIENDSHIP, GOVERNS SINO-US UNCLASSIFIED

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RELATIONS, AND CHIAO KUAN-HUA'S ANSWERING TOAST DID LITTLE TO WARM AIR; TOASTS INDICATED HAK NEITHER GAINED NOR LOST--PRC WILL KEEP CURRENT CONTACTS WITH US, BUT NOT DRAMATICALLY IMPROVE THEM. US OFFICIALS AT GREAT

PAINS AFTER WEDNESDAY DINNER TO TRY CONVINCE AMERICAN REPORTERS HAK'S MISSION NO FAILURE (SUN).

UPI (PEKING) CITES "UNUSUALLY COOL WORDS" OF CHIAO'S TOAST; QUOTES US OBSERVERS THAT FM'S REMARKS WERE SOME OF COOLEST SINCE RESUMPTION SINO-US RELATIONS, AND DISAGREEMENT ON ISSUE OF US DETENTE WITH SOVIET HAD BEEN MAJOR THEME OF TALKS IN PRC (NYDN). WSJ REPORT CONCLUDES PEKING EVIDENTLY INTENDS CONTINUE RELATIONSHIP WITH US, BUT WILL NOT EXPAND IT SO LONG AS MAJOR ISSUES, SUCH AS TAIWAN, UNSETTLED.

ALSO NOTING FAREWELL DINNER'S CLOSING REMARKS WERE "NOTABLE FOR THEIR LACK OF WARMTH," CSM DISPATCH SAYS CHIAO SPOKE LESS THAN TWO MINUTES, WAS MARKEDLY FORMAL--HIS REMARKS SOME OF SHORTEST EVER DELIVERED IN GREAT HALL, HE MADE NO MENTION OF FORD VISIT.

REUTER'S ROGERS (PEKING) NOTES HAK LEFT PEKING WITHOUT SEEING CHOU EN-LAI, THUS HEIGHTENING SPECULATION PREMIER IS SERIOUSLY ILL. REPORTS"SENIOR US OFFICIAL" TRAVELING WITH HAK AS SAYING PRC VISIT WENT MUCH AS EXPECTED, BASICALLY MAIN TRENDS THAT BROUGHT TWO COUNTRIES TOGETHER ARE STILL OPERATIVE, THEY NOW HAVE MORE OR LESS COMMON ASPECTS TOWARDS SOME FACETS OF WORLD SITUATION. ADDED THAT DESPITE CHINESE PUBLIC ATTACKS ON DETENTE, HAK WAS NOT LECTURED ON SUBJECT IN PRIVATE.

PRC OFFICIALS, ACKNOWLEDGING LACK OF INFO ABOUT HAK-MAO TALK, SAID THEY DOUBTED CHAIRMAN LECTURED HAK OR WARNED HIM DIRECTLY AGAINST SOVIET. EXPLAINED MAO'S PRACTICE TO DISCUSS MATTERS IN GENERAL, STRATEGIC, MANNER; HE WOULD HAVE USED PHILOSOPHICAL/HISTORICAL EXAMPLES TO INDICATE CONCERN OVER COURSE SOVIET-US RELATIONS (AP WSTAR 10/22).

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RABBI KORFF SAYS NIXON PLANNING PRC TRIP SOON, FOLLOWING RECENTLY-RECEIVED INVITATION FROM MAO (PHINQ).

ACCORDING KORFF, MAO LETTER DESCRIBED EX-PRES AS "ONE OF THE GREATEST LEADERS OF OUR TIME" (UPI, WP).

PRC'S MOST AMBITIOUS OVERSEAS PROJECT -- 500 MILLION DOL, 1,200-MILE TANZAM PR -- OFFICIALLY OPENED WEDNESDAY (UPI, NYDN).

2. JAPAN

SECSTATE ARRIVED TOKYO FROM PEKING THURSDAY, TO BRIEF MIKI, FUKUDA, MIYAZAWA, OHIRA ON FOUR-DAY PRC VISIT

(REUTER, TOKYO).

SENIOR MITI SPOKESMAN SAYS DOW CHEMICAL APPLICATION

PRODUCE CAUSTIC SODA IN JAPAN WILL BE DELIBERATED "SOON" BY FOREIGN INVESTMENT COUNCIL, BECAUSE MITI HASN'T RULED ON IT WITHIN USUAL 90 DAYS (WSJ).

SOHYO LEADERS WEDNESDAY ANNOUNCED DECISION NOT TO LAUNCH NATIONWIDE SERIES OF STRIKES OVER NEXT FEW WEEKS TO PRESS FOR IMPROVED WORKING CONDITIONS, AFTER FAILING PERSUADE THREE OTHER MAJOR LABOR ORGANIZATIONS FORM JOINT FRONT. BUT PUBLIC CORPORATION, GOVT WORKERS STILL INSIST ON TWO 24-HR WALKOUTS TO DEMAND RESTORATION OF THEIR LEGAL RIGHT TO STRIKE (JOC, TOKYO).

BRITISH SHIPYARDS PLEAD FOR STATE SUPPORT TO HELP SECURE NEW ORDERS IN FACE OF WORLD SLUMP. WANT SUFFICIENT SUBSIDIES TO STAY COMPETITIVE WITH JAPANESE YARDS, WHICH ACCUSED OF DUMPING IN RECENT MONTHS (JOC'S HOWARD, LONDON).

CULLISON (JOC) IN TOKYO CITES JAPAN AUTO MFRS' ASSN REPORT WEDNESDAY THAT SEPT VEHICLE OUTPUT REACHED ALL-TIMEMONTHLY HIGH -- 654,216 UNITS. ASSN SAID 20 PERCENT RISE IN PASSENGER CAR OUTPUT REFLECTS CONSUMER FEARS IN JAPAN, OVERSEAS, THAT 1976 MODELS WILL COST UNCLASSIFIED

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MORE BECAUSE OF TOUGH EMISSION CONTROLS. SOURCES SAY EXPORTS TO US MAY ALSO SET NEW RECORD THIS YEAR, IN EXCESS 1,050,000 UNITS.

FAMILIES OF 36 PREMATURE BABIES PLAN SUE GOJ, HOSPITALS, FOR TOTAL 190,000 DOLS, CHARGING OFFSPRING BLINDED BECAUSE INCUBATORS MALADJUSTED, SUPPLIED EXCESS OXYGEN WHICH INFLAMED RETINAS. SPOKESMAN SAID GOJ LIABLE BECAUSE FAILED INSTRUCT HOSPITALS ON PROPER ADJUSTMENT AFTER APPROVING MANUFACTURE, USE, OF INCUBATORS IN JAPAN (AP, NYT 10/22).

3. KOREA

REP CHARLES H. WILSON (CALIF) MARRIED HYUNG JU CHANG IN TRADITIONAL KOREAN CEREMONY, CIVIL WEDDING AT US BASE IN SEOUL LAST WEEKEND. PLAN REPEAT VOWS NOV 22 BEFORE HOUSE CHAPLAIN, WILSON'S FOUR SONS. BRIDE DAUGHTER OF PROMINENT KOREAN BUSINESSMAN. BOTH WIDOWED, INTRODUCED BY MUTUAL FRIENDS LAST YEAR WHO DISCOVERED THEY LIVE IN SAME CRYSTAL CITY. VA COMPLEX.

DEFMIN SPOKESMAN SAID TWO SK LIGHT PLANES COLLIDED OVER SOUTHERN OUTSKIRTS SEOUL WEDNESDAY, KILLING SIX AIRMEN. NO CIVILIAN CASUALTIES (AP, PHINQ).

NKNA REPORTED WEDNESDAY THOUSANDS NKOREANS ATTENDED DEDICATION SUNDAY OF KIM IL-SUNG MONUMENT ON MT WANGJAE-SAN IN NORTHERN TIP OF COUNTRY (AP, NYDN).

4. INDOCHINA

SVN ASKS YOMIURI SHIMBUN CORRESPONDENT LEAVE SAIGON BY NOV 20. DEPARTURE WILL LEAVE NON-COMMUNIST REPORTERS AT 4 -- FROM AFP, FE ECON REVIEW, KYODO, JAPAN BROADCASTING. KYODO EXPECTS 2 REMAINING JAPANESE CORRESPONDENTS WILL BE ASKED LEAVE IN NEAR FUTURE (AP, NYT).

5. BURMA

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GLOBE'S SHAPIRO (10/22) REVIEWS PERFORMANCE BURMESE NATL THEATER GROUP, FINDS IT "ABSOLUTE REVEL." SAYS DANCING SPARKLED LIKE JEWEL, MUSIC HAD AUDIENCE "JUST ABOUT ECSTATIC."

6. INDONESIA

INDO APPLIES FOR MEMBERSHIP INTL BAUXITE ASSN, LIKELY BECOME 11TH MEMBER. MALAYSIA MAY ALSO FORMALLY APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP (JOC).

INDO INCREASED OIL PRICE BY LESS THAN 2-PCT DUE COMPETITION FROM PRC, ACCORDING MINISTER OF MINES. GOI INVESTING 1.2 BILLION DOLS IN SUMATRA COAL DEVELOPMENT, EXPECTS EVENTUALLY PRODUCE 25 MILLION TONS FOR EXPORT TO JAPAN; SHIPMENTS SHOULD START IN 2-3 YRS AT LEVEL ABOUT 2 MILLION TONS ANNUALLY (NAUMANN, JOC).

7. AUSTRALIA

COUNTRY FEELS EFFECTS AS OPPOSITION DRIVE TOPPLE WHITLAM GOES INTO 2ND WK. BUDGET BLOCKED, SHORTAGES APPEARING, CUTBACKS ORDERED IN OFFICIAL TRAVEL, USE GOVT VEHICLES. TREASURER WARNS NATION WILL GRIND TO HALT IF CASH CRISIS LASTS PAST NOV 30, DENOUNCES OPPOSITION'S COURSE AS RECKLESS AT TIME OF "DELICATE ECONOMIC RECOVERY." OPPOSITION DEFENDS ACTION ON GROUNDS GOVT HAS LOST PUBLIC CONFIDENCE BECAUSE OF LOAN SCANDAL, WANTS ELECTION CALLED (NYT).

PRINCESS MARGARET ARRIVES SYDNEY TO START 2-WK AUSTRALIAN

(AP, NYDN).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

8. CHINA

WP'S GREENWAY, IN PEKING, REPORTS HAK'S FAREWELL BANQUET ENDED ON COOL NOTE, WITH TOASTS INDICATING SIDES HAVE AGREED DISAGREE ON MANY ISSUES DIVIDING THEM. FORD VISIT HAS PEKING'S BLESSING AND BASIC RELATIONS STILL UNCLASSIFIED

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INTACT; BUT JUDGING FROM BANQUET REMARKS, THERE CANNOT HAVE BEEN MUCH AGREEMENT DURING HAK'S WORKING SESSIONS WITH TENG HSIAO-PING. ALTHOUGH CHINESE HAVE INDICATED THEY CAN BE PATIENT ON TAIWAN ISSUE, FOUR DAYS' TALKS GIVE IMPRESSION THEY ARE DISAPPOINTED THAT RELATIONSHIP WITH US HAS NOT PROGRESSED FURTHER (EXCERPTED IN PHINO).

ZORZA (WP) SEES SIGNS, COINCIDING WITH HAK PEKING VISIT, CALCULATED TO SUGGEST MAO BEING EDGED OUT BY TENG. BUT WHILE TENG CLEARLY WANTED HAK MISSION SUCCEED, PRC CRITICISM OF US RE TIBETAN MATTERS, ON EVE SECRETARY'S TRIP, SEEMED DESIGNED CAST SHADOW OVER TENG'S AUTHORITY. SEES INDICATIONS MAO MORE INCLINED LISTEN TO MEN OF LEFT, EVEN THOUGH TENG MAY CLAIM BE SPEAKING TO HAK IN MAO'S NAME.

SUN DECLARES SECSTATE'S "100 MINUTES WITH MAO" PROVE CHAIRMAN ALIVE, ALERT, PEKING STILL WANT'S WORKING RELATIONS WITH WASHINGTON, AND PRES FORD VISIT STILL ON. BUT UNLESS EXTRAORDINARY VOLUME OF INFORMATION SOON BECOMES PUBLIC, ANY MORE-DETAILED CONCLUSIONS WOULD AMOUNT TO "PUREST SPECULATION."

WSJ'S KEATLEY IN PEKING NOTES US -CHINESE POLITICAL TALKS REACHED"COOL CONCLUSION" WEDNESDAY, BUT FINALE WON'T JEOPARDIZE THEIR LIMITED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. FIND S CHIAO'S FAREWELL BANQUET TOAST "MORE CIVIL THAN FRIENDLY," DIDN'T SUGGEST AGREEMENT ON ANYTHING. BUT HAK TOAST CONTENDED TWO SIDES WILL"STRENGTHEN" FRAGILE TIES BECAUSE EACH SEES ADVANTAGES IN DOING SO -- PRESUMABLY GIVING COMMON ADVERSARY, SOVIET, SOMETHING TO WORRY ABOUT. SUGGESTS HAK COMMENT MAY REFLECT SITUATION MORE ACCURATELY THAN CHIAO'S "RATHER BRUSQUE REMARKS," WHICH SOME OBSERVERS CONSIDERED "RUDE".

GELB (NYT) SAYS HAK VISIT ENDED "AS IT BEGAN," WITH DISAGREEMENT OVER US POLICY OF DETENTE WITH SOVIET, BUT US-PRC RELATIONS INTACT. HAK, CHIAO EXCHANGED DINNER TOASTS IN "SOMEWHAT CHILLY ATMOSPHERE." BOTH

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USED WORDS NEAR BOTTOM OF CHINESE DIPLOMATIC VOCABULARY -- CHIAO REFERRED TO "FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE" OF MAO-HAK TALKS, BUT CALLED OTHER MEETINGS "FRANK" AND "USEFUL"; SOMBER-LOOKING HAK SAID HE WAS SATISFIED WITH EXCHANGES, INDICATED ALERT TO DANGER FROM MOSCOW, WILL CONTINUE DETENTE.CITES DIPLOMATS WHO SAID DATE SET FOR FORD VISIT -- PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF HAK VISIT -- BUT WOULD NOT SAY WHEN.

IN LETTER TO NYT, "STEPHEN J. NAGLE" BEGS CONSIDERATION FOR "DIPLOMATIC SENSITIVITY OF OUR LONG-TIME ALLY AND ONLY TRUE FRIEND IN ASIA, THE NATIONALIST CHINESE."

BOST H-A RUNS (10/20) TWO PHOTOS OF ACROBATS OF TAIWAN PERFORMING AT SYMPHONY HALL; SAYS ENTHUSIASTIC AUDIENCE INCLUDED CONGEN SHI-YING LUOO, GOV MICHAEL DUKAKIS.

ARMBRUSTER (SPECIAL TO CSM) IN TAIPEI PERCEIVES SIGNS OF ROC CHANGE SINCE CKS DEATH: NEW TAIWAN POLITICAL REVIEW, WHOSE EDITORS INCLUDE OUTSPOKEN INDEPENDENT LEGISLATOR KANG NING-HSIANG, ALLOWED PUBLISH TWO ISSUES WITH NO REACTION BY CCK; LI AO, SEVEN OTHER POLITICAL PRISONERS, HAD SENTENCES COMMUTED BY SPECIAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL; AND GROC ALLOWED FORMER POLITICAL PRISONER CHEN YU-HSI RETURN TO US FOLLOWING PERSONAL APPEAL BY HAWAII CONGRESSMAN. SUGGESTS TOO EARLY TO TELL WHETHER THESE CASES INDICATE GENUINE MOVE TOWARD LIBERALIZATION, OR SIMPLY GESTURES TO PLACATE DOMESTIC -- AND ESPECIALLY FOREIGN -- PUBLIC OPINION.

9. KOREA/VIETNAM

THE NATION (10/4) STATES RECENT VETO BOTH VNAMS' UN APPLICATION "UNWISE AS WELL AS UNJUST," AND JUSTIFICATION BASED ON "SELECTIVE UNIVERSALITY" AGRUMENT -- US WOULD BLOCK VIETNAMS UNTIL ROK ADMITTED -- WAS "SPECIOUS." BELIEVE US ACTION STEMMED FROM ADMIN FEAR OF OCCASIONALLY HOSTILE GOP RIGHT WING, AND "PETTY ORNERINESS" OF HAK, WHO STILL PEEVED BY VNAMESE VICTORY. DECLARES THIS NO EXCUSE FOR PURSUING "WRONG-HEADED, TRANSPARENT PHONY COURSE" AT UN. HAVING CALLED CONSTRUCTIVELY FOR USUNCLASSIFIED

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PRC NK-SKPEACE CONFERENCE AS PRELUDE TO ENDING US PRESENCE UNDER COVER OF UNC, RECOMMENDS HAK INSTRUCT MOYNIHAN MAKE PEACE WITH UNGA MAJORITY ON VN ISSUE -- COST TO US SECURITY WOULD BE ZERO, AND BESIEGED REPUTATION

OF US IN UN COULD ONLY BE IMPROVED.

10. THAILAND

KARNOW (GLOBE 10/22) OPINES DISSOLUTION SEATO CREATES FALSE IMPRESSION US NO LONGER COMMITTED PROTECT REGION. SAYS US STILL OBLIGATED UNDER MANILA PACT TO DEFEND THAILAND; RUSK IN 1962 PLEDGED US WOULD HELP THAIS RESIST COMMUNIST "AGGRESSION AND SUBVERSION." CONCLUDES US STILL INVOLVED IN STATE WHOSE FUTURE NONE TOO BRIGHT. CONTENDS ADMIN WANTS KEEP RESPONSIBILITY BLURRED IN BELIEF DIPLOMATIC AMBIGUITIES USEFUL TO MEET CONTINGENCIES. WANTS CONGRESS PRESS PRES, SECSTATE, CLARIFY STATUS US RELATIONSHIP WITH THAILAND, LEST WE GET EMBROILED IN REPETITION VN TRAGEDY. SAYS PROSPECTS ARE FALTERING RTG WILL FALL UNDER RULE MIL JUNTA THAT MAY DRIVE STUDENTS, OTHER CIVILIANS, INTO RANKS COMMUNIST INSURGENTS; OR HANOI MIGHT BE TEMPTED STRIKE DIRECTLY. IN EITHER EVENT, US BOUND UNDER PACT, PLEDGE TO RESCUE REGIME. NOTES SENIOR ADMIN OFFICIALS MINIMIZE DANGER ANOTHER VN MESS ON GROUNDS CONGRESS IN NO MOOD SANCTION FOREIGN ENTANGLEMENTS.

11. GENERAL

YOST IN CSM BELIEVES IN VIEW PEKING MEETING, MAY BE TIME REVIEW US POLICY IN EA. BELIEVES PARAMOUNT US RELATIONSHIP IS WITH JAPAN, BUT SEES SOME AMBIGUITY, AMBIVALENCE, ON BOTH SIDES ABOUT POLMIL ROLE JAPAN SHOULD PLAY IN EA, WORLD# ON KOREA, THINKS WOULD GIVE WRONG "SIGNAL" IF US WITHDREW TROOPS SUDDENLY OR IMMEDIATELY, EVEN THOUGH BELIEVES REPEAT OF NK INVASION IMPROBABLE. WONDERS WHETHER PARK STRENGTHENING OR WEAKENING DOMESTIC POSITION BY REPRESSIVE POLICIES OF RECENT YRS THAT HURT INTL REPUTATION.

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SEES US SEA POLICY IN DISARRAY. THAIS WANT US FORCES OUT, THOUGH US COMMITTED DEFEND COUNTRY UNDER 1954 MANILA PACT; RTG WISELY SEEKS REASSURANCE BY CLOSER RELS WITH PRC AGAINST VIET AMBITIONS. WITH PHILS, US HAS EXPLICIT DEFENSE COMMITMENTS. COMMENTS US CAN JUDGE FOR ITSELF FOR WHAT PURPOSES, HOW LONG BASE THERE SERVES INTEREST. SAYS MAY DEPEND IN PART ON STRENGTH, INDEPENDENCE FROM GREAT POWERS SEA REGIONAL ASSN ABLE DEVELOP.

NOVEMBER ISSUE PENTHOUSE CARRIES LENGTHY TAD SZULC ARTICLE ON "THE NSA -- AMERICA'S 10 BILLION DOL FRANKENSTEIN." AGENCY BORN IN TOTAL SECRECY WHEN

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DIRECTIVE NO. 6 IN 1952, AND REMAINS CLASSIFIED 23 YRS LATER. NOTES CONGRESS PASSED LAW IN 1959 EXEMPTING NSA FROM ANY DISCLOSURE OF ORGANIZATION OR FUNCTIONS, AND ANOTHER LAW THAT MAKES IT CRIMINAL OFFENSE TO DISCLOSE OR PUBLISH NSA SECRETS. UNLIKE CIA, NO CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT COMM TO PROBE NSA, NW LAW PROHIBIT NSA ENGAGING IN DOMESTIC POLICE FUNCTIONS, AND NO LAW CREATING NSA. REFERS, AD PASSIM, TO LISTENING POSTS, NSA-STAFFED BASES, OPERATIONS AROUND WORLD, INCLUDING MANY EA NATIONS. INGERSOLL

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